

## ATTACHMENT B

### Clean Replacement Claims

Following herewith is a clean copy of claim 1 which replaces the previous claim 1.

1. (Twice Amended) A process for producing a fluoroalkylcarboxylic acid of the formula RfCOOH wherein Rf is a C<sub>1-16</sub> fluoroalkyl group, which comprises oxidizing a fluoroalkyl alcohol having a formula H(CF<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH or F(CF<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH, wherein n is an integer of 1 to 16, using nitric acid and feeding oxygen into the reaction system during the oxidation reaction to reduce the required amount of nitric acid to a stoichiometric amount or less relative to the fluoroalkyl alcohol.